

Early Transfer Authority

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Grissom Early Transfer: Case Study

■ Environmental issues

Overview

- Background
- Implementation
- Problems
- Advantages
- Lessons learned

Background

- Non-NPL base
- Part of EDC-FOSL in place
- 200+ acres to transfer to State of Indiana
 - Selected for 2000 bed medium security prison
 - Will employ 600-700 people
- Early transfer necessary
 - To meet State's timetable
 - Three environmental sites - Category 7

Implementation: Accelerated

- Suitability for reuse questions

- 16 monitoring wells drilled at Areas of Concern and perimeter of parcel
- Evaluation of risk

- SEBS

- FOSET

- Outyear budget and timeline

Problems

- No communication during site selection process between stakeholders
- Resource drain to Air Force, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and EPA
- No precedent

Advantages/Solutions

- Established weekly conference calls with all stakeholders
 - Flexibility
 - Collaborative effort
- No precedent

Lessons Learned

- Force interested parties to review environmental status early on
- Early transfers do not happen overnight
- Communicate
- Remain flexible
- Regulators and Air Force dedicated to achieving FOSET
- Be Prepared to dedicate resources to early transfer process